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The accompanying Resolution of the Government of India No. 6690—6711—8, dated 16th July 1908, relative to the Colonial Products Exhibition to be held in Liverpool in December 1908, is hereby republished for general information.

By Order,

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No. 6690—6711—8.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITIONS.

Simla, the 16th July 1908.

RESOLUTION.

The following papers relative to the Colonial Products Exhibition to be held at Liverpool in 1908 are published for general information. The Government of India will not participate in the Exhibition.

The next Colonial Products Exhibition will be held at St. George Hall, Liverpool, from December 7 to December 19, 1908.

The publication of this Prospectus is dictated by a double purpose: to offer a *resume* of the principal details of the late Colonial Products Exhibition, and also, by emphasising the record success obtained by it and by giving a recapitulation* of the many flattering notices and opinions concerning it, to point out the amount of encouragement that has been derived from it to proceed still further with the task of demonstrating the immense importance to this country of improved and extended trade relations with her Colonies.

Judging from the cordial support extended to, and the amount of enthusiasm aroused by, the last four Exhibitions—the first undertakings of the kind ever organised in Great Britain outside the Metropolis—it is a reasonable presumption that another, even on a still more extended scale, offering a greater diversity and larger number of Colonial products, will achieve a still larger measure of success, and so promote the furtherance of a greater amount of commercial reciprocity between the Colonies and the Mother Country. It might be said, *en passant*, that on all sides it has been agreed that the increase of business through the Liverpool Colonial Products Exhibition has been enormous, and no doubt H. R. H. the Prince of Wales recognised this fact when he graciously became a Patron.

The resources of our Colonies, mineral, agricultural, and manufacturing, increase rapidly as the time goes on, and no year passes but finds the oversea portions of the Empire in a better position to help to the attainment of that object which it is the desire of every citizen to see realised—the establishment of the Empire on a self-contained and self-supporting basis, independent of supplies from alien lands, and powerful to hold its own by the aid of its own people and by that aid alone.

That this end can be accomplished there is little room for doubt, providing there be unanimity of feeling and mutual interests between the peoples of our Colonies and ourselves; and it is difficult to discover any action on our part more valuable, helpful, and effective than endeavouring, as far as possible, to offer to the people of this country opportunities of realising by personal inspection the vast commercial wealth of our Colonies, as illustrated by the number and extent of the commodities with which they are able to supply us.

With this object in view it is intended to hold the fifth Colonial Products Exhibition from December 7 to December 19, 1908, which shall be more extended in its scope than the last, and for this purpose every effort will be made to obtain direct from each separate Colony samples of each and every product it is able to supply.

With many months available for organisation, preparation, and communication with the various Colonial authorities, whose co-operation may be safely reckoned on, the President, and Managers entertain sanguine hopes of producing a collection of Colonial Products which for extent and diversity, has never before been gathered together in one place on any previous occasion. Sir Alfred L. Jones, K.C.M.G., will again act as President.